

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 11-14, 16, 17 and 19-28 remain in the application.

Claims 1-10, 15 and 18 were previously cancelled.

Claims 21 through 28 were previously newly presented.

Claims 16, 19 and 21 are currently amended.

Claims 13, 14, 17, 20, 25 and 26 are currently cancelled.

Claim 29 is newly presented.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 102

Claim rejections under 35 USC §102 raised in the previous Office Action mailed on October 7, 2004, are absent from the currently outstanding Office Action mailed on April 7, 2005. Therefore, the Applicant believes the rejections under 35 USC §102 have been overcome, and the Examiner is thanked for having withdrawn these rejections.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 103

Claims 11-14, 16, 17, 20-25, 27 and 28 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) over Des 369,526 to Colton in view of US Patent 6,644,524 to Garvin.

Claim 26 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) over Des 369,526 to Colton in view of US Patent 6,644,524 to Garvin and further in view of US Patent 5,709,429 to Bergin.

Claims 13, 14, 17, 20, 25 and 26 are currently cancelled, whereby the rejection is made moot.

Claims 16 and 21 are currently amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 19, whereby the rejection is overcome.

Claims 11 and 12 are allowable as depending from allowable claim 16.

Claims 22-24, 27 and 28 are allowable as depending from allowable claim 21.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 19 was found contain allowable subject matter and is currently rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 19 is now allowable.

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Newly Presented Claims


Newly presented claim 29 substantially recites the subject matter deleted from currently amended independent claim 16.

Newly presented claim 29 is allowable as depending from allowable claim 16.

The claims now being in form for allowance, reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has questions or wishes to discuss any aspect of the case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

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